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Sherrene,

Regarding your questions:

1) as far as content goes, the answers to my questions would comprise the bare minimum. Generally, I ask the inventors to prepare a detailed description of their invention,

Then I ask the inventors to complete the questions list, as a summary.

2) regarding the US patent: Canada and the US are both signatory to the Paris Conven

The only real issue is that of cost: it is more expensive to file in the US (probabl

If you only intend to file only in the US, then file in the US. If you intend to ge

Hope this helps!

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*\* descriptive content vs functional content  
\* difficulty getting a patent*

>>> Sherrene Kevan <sherrene.kevan@sympatico.ca> 01/30/01 06:39pm >>>

Hi Kent.

Thank you for your email. I have read the information, and have tried some preliminary searches on key words. I have come up with no patents matching birdsongs, handheld devices, etc. as of yet. I have asked our programmer to do searches as well.

The question(s) I now have is, do I fill out the "Questions for Inventors" and send it to you? if so, then I presume that this is what will get filed once you have worked with the information, and then we file the Pre-patent application for \$300.00.

If this is so, then I would like to start this process as soon as possible.

Once this is done, I would like to have some idea of the process after that, especially where costs are concerned. It will be most important to also file a patent application in the US as that is where a target market encompasses. Therefore, I need to know when or if we can file a pre-patent application in the USA or if that will require a full application.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Sherrene Kevan

*= file an application today  
\$150.00 in gov't fees*

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Subject: RE: patent

Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:11:09 -0500

From: "Ledwell, Kent" <Kent.Ledwell@gowlings.com>

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Dave;

Further to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I believe we almost have enough information to proceed with filing a provisional patent application.

As discussed, your invention is not limited by:

- the format in which sound or animations are to be stored or presented
- you intend to use AVI files, which can be viewed using a proprietary viewer

The description should indicate this, but should also list some of the possible ways of doing these things (list AVI, mpeg, etc. as possible animation techniques, use of a web browser, etc., noting that the hand-held device may only support certain software, etc.) I have attached the original description from Sherrene, and would appreciate it if you could incorporate these details into this document.

I would also like to include some simple figures, which are required due to patent law - specifically, a claim must have corresponding components which appear in a figure. Hence, we should have:

- 1) a figure like the attached figure b, which simply presents a PC and a portable computer (for the downloading aspect); and
- 2) "screen captures" or similar images, which could be done in the manner of figure a or c. Perhaps you already have something in a business plan, design drawings, or similar materials? If not, you could modify the attached drawings. It is fine to provide hand-drawn figures, though electronic copies are preferred.

Feel free to call if you have any questions or comments.

Regards

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
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